

REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION

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NOVEMBER 5, 2002

FROM: **DENNIS L. STOUT**  
District Attorney

SUBJECT: **APPROVE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE CITIZENS' OPTION FOR  
PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) PROGRAM EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR FY 2002-03**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the District Attorney's COPS Program expenditure plan for FY 2002-03.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On August 20, 1996, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution to implement the COPS Program pursuant to Government Code Sections 30061 et. seq. The Program requires the County to establish a Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF) to be expended exclusively for county jails, police, sheriff, and district attorney services. The program requires the Sheriff, as the lead agency, to submit a request each year to the Board of Supervisors specifying COPS Program needs. The Board of Supervisors received the Sheriff's Department FY 2002-03 request on October 22, 2002. A recent change in the California Government Code now requires all recipient agencies to submit an approved expenditure plan from the governing board of that agency.

The Office of the District Attorney receives approximately \$610,000 per year in COPS funding. The monies are used to fund staff prosecuting and investigating gang-related cases countywide. Cases assigned to staff in the gang units involve violent crimes with gang enhancements. Typically caseloads are reduced as compared to general prosecution due to the built in complexity of the cases (i.e. uncooperative witnesses, identification of gangs and their membership, etc.). The FY 2002-03 expenditure plan provides for continued funding of four (4) full-time Deputy District Attorneys; one (1) DA Investigator I and one (1) FTE Secretary I (see attachment).

This action requests approval of the District Attorney's expenditure plan for FY 2002-03 pursuant to a recent change in the requirements of Government Code Section 30061, Subdivision (b).

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This action has been reviewed by the Office of County Counsel (Scott Runyan, Deputy County Counsel) on October 23, 2002 and the County Administrative Office (Mario Lara, Administrative Analyst) on October 23, 2002.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: COPS Program appropriations and revenue in the amount of \$610,000 is included in the FY 2002-03 budget.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): ALL

PRESENTER: James B. Hackleman, Assistant District Attorney (909) 387-6601

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